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Marion Freight Station
Marion
private

c. 1880-1900

The Marion Freight Station is the last railroad freight station to survive on its original foundation in Somerset County. The single-story board and batten structure is supported by concrete block piers, and the building is covered by a simple gabled roof. The southeast slope of the roof extends to a lower level than the northwest side because the roof shelters three freight door openings.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-267

Magi No. 2002675519

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Marion Freight Station

and/or common

2. Location

street & number N.W. Side of MD 667, Crisfield-Marion Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Marion ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional district Firststate Maryland ☐ county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: NONE

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Marion Freight Station is a single-story board and batten frame structure that stands next to the village passenger station on the northwest side of MD 667 and adjacent to the old rail line bed. Like the passenger station the structure faces southeast with the gable running on a northeast/southwest axis.

The freight station is also unused but has not been remodeled as has the passenger station. Tapered concrete piers support the rectangular frame, while an asymmetrical gable roof covers the structure. The roof extends to a slightly lower level on the southeast side and provides shelter for the loading bays.

The southeast (main) elevation is divided into five bays by six diagonal braces that support the overhanging roof. The first, second and fourth bays (counting from left to right while facing the building) are loading bays. The first two openings no longer have doors, while the northern-most, fourth bay retains its cross-braced timber sliding door.

The gable ends are plain board and batten walls, and the rear facade has an asymmetrical elevation with an off-center freight door.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

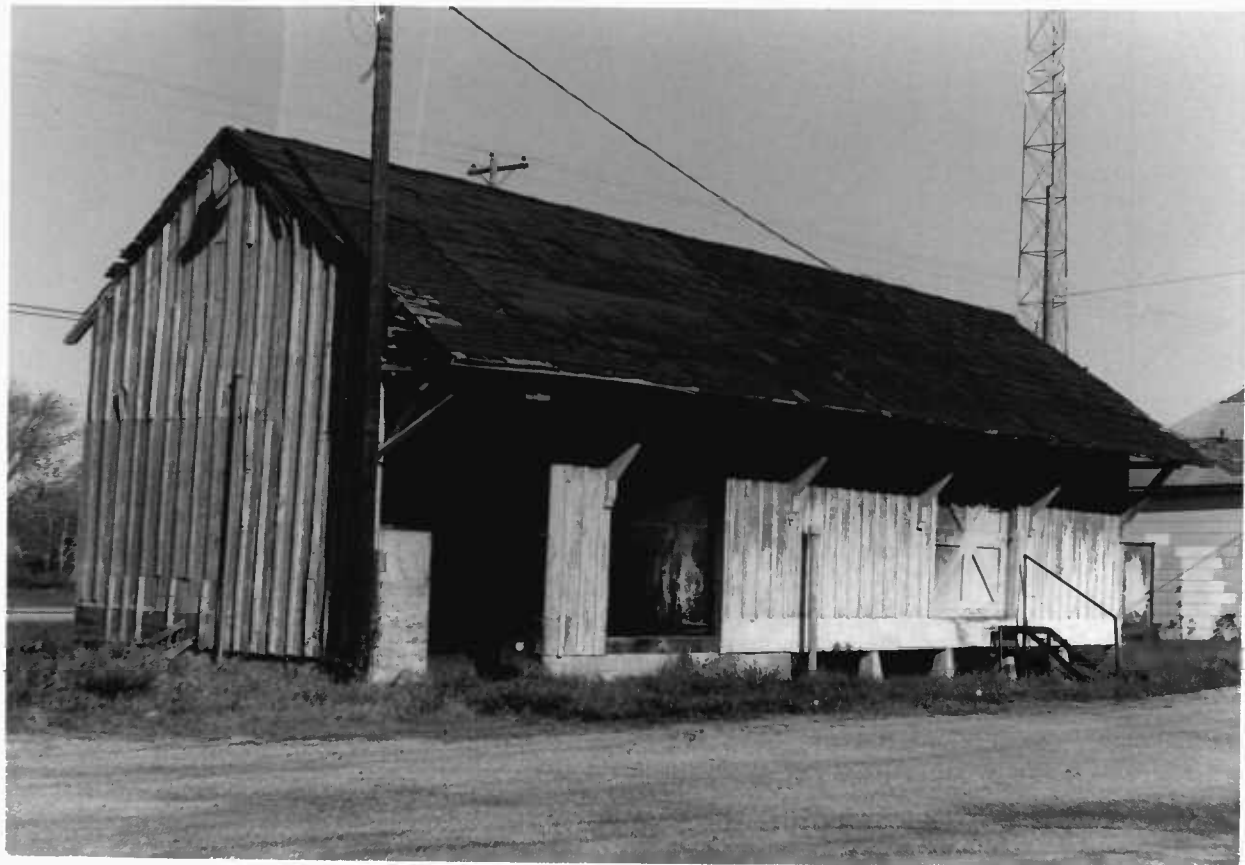
check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Marion Freight Station is the last of its kind surviving on its railroad-oriented site. The Westover Freight Station was moved intact to Princess Anne. Although it was sited near the railroad, it is used for a business and retains no association with the track. The Marion Station has not been drastically altered either, as has its immediate neighbor, the passenger station. This freight station has figured prominently in the history of Marion through the early part of the 20th century as the major depot for the extensive strawberry exporting industry, which was active until the Depression.



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Marion, Somerset County, Maryland

Southeast Elevation

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Northeast Elevation
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